

HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2015

The regular meeting of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Allen Poole. Joe Corley offered the Invocation and Commissioner Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Poole stated that the minutes from the July meetings would need to be voted on separately since Commissioner Smith was unable to attend the work session and special called meeting. He reminded the board that the minutes had been sent to everyone to review and asked if there were any changes to any of them. There were none.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015 Regular Meeting as written. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 Work Session and Special Called meeting. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Chairman's Report

Donnie Boswell from the Development Authority Board invited everyone to Economic Development 101 seminar by Eric McDonald, Executive Director of the Development Authority, at the Old Courthouse on August 6, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Poole asked Greg Dewberry to give an update on the Recreation Project. He stated that the project includes 4 full size baseball/softball fields, a ½ mile walking track, pavilion and possibly a small playground. The entire electrical, plumbing, sewer and water infrastructure was in the ground. All 16 light poles are up. Sod laying would begin on August 11, 2015 and would take about three weeks to lay out what is approximately 5 acres of turf. Concrete, Fence, etc would start approximately September 1st. He went on to say that they were looking at about 80% of the work being completed by local vendors competitively bidding the project. He finished by stating that it should be ready to play on by spring 2016.

Public Participation on Agenda Items

None

Item #1 – Georgia EMC Award

Chairman Poole recognized Extension Agent Dorothea Graham for winning the William H. Booth Award for the Northwest District. This award is for outstanding career achievement with the Georgia Extension Service. There are four districts in the state of Georgia.

Item #2 – Carroll EMC Grant Recipients Recognition

Haralson County Fire Department

Commissioner Robinson congratulated Lieutenant Dave Wade for receiving a \$957 grant from Carroll EMC to purchase a piece of technical equipment that is used in rescue work. Lieutenant Wade stated that 7 members of the Haralson County Fire Department are members of the Task Force 6 Georgia Search and Rescue Team.

Haralson County E-911

Commissioner Bennett congratulated Director Cathy Thompson and Ashley Hughes for receiving a \$2100 Grant from Carroll EMC to be used for Public Education and Senior Citizen Education. Ms. Thompson stated that the money would be used for education and training

materials at schools, festivals, etc. Also, Ashley is expanding the program to branch out to the elderly in the communities regarding 911.

Item #3 – TAN Resolution

County Attorney Julie Cain explained a couple of changes to the TAN Resolution that were made due to the issuance of Bonds earlier this year. Chairman Poole stated that the county was only asking for a \$1.2 Million line of credit and explained that the county only draws what is absolutely necessary. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #4 – Tallapoosa Fireworks Donation

Chairman Poole stated that the 4th of July fireworks in Tallapoosa is the only one in Haralson County. He reminded everyone that this was discussed at the work session and the recommendation was to give \$500 towards this celebration. Commissioner Robinson motioned to make a \$500 donation to help fund the 4th of July fireworks. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation on Non Agenda Items

None

Old Business

Chairman Poole stated that at a previous meeting a citizen had asked about investing the bond money until it is used. The Chairman explained that there is a very limited number of ways that public money could be invested and that he and Alison Palmer had reviewed the options and then he contacted Community and Southern regarding the bond account. C&S was already giving the county .10 on this money, but they agreed to meet the current amount being given on the Georgia One accounts which was .17.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Submitted by Alison Palmer
County Clerk